

House Study Bill 632 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licenses issued by the board of educational
2 examiners.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection
4 establishing criteria for applicants for licenses who have
5 completed a teacher preparation program outside of the state
6 and who are applying for the applicant's first Iowa teaching
7 license shall not require the applicant to be an Iowa resident
8 if the applicant provides the board with a copy of an offer of
9 employment as a teacher from a school located in this state.

10 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, subsection 13, Code 2022, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 13. Adopt rules to provide for nontraditional preparation
13 options for licensing persons who hold a bachelor's degree from
14 an accredited college or university, who do not meet other
15 requirements for licensure. The rules shall, at a minimum,
16 require the board to do all of the following:

17 a. Issue a teacher intern license for instruction in grades
18 six through twelve to a qualified applicant while the applicant
19 concurrently completes the additional educational requirements
20 provided in paragraph "b". A qualified applicant must meet all
21 of the following requirements:

22 (1) The applicant must have graduated from an accredited
23 college or university with a cumulative grade point average
24 of two and three quarters on a four-point scale, or its
25 equivalent, as determined by the accredited college or
26 university.

27 (2) The applicant must have at least three years of
28 postbaccalaureate work experience.

29 (3) The applicant must submit with the application a copy of
30 an offer of employment from a school.

31 (4) The applicant must complete at least fifteen additional
32 hours of in-person coursework, including pedagogy training.

33 b. Require an applicant who has been granted a teacher
34 intern license pursuant to paragraph "a", prior to applying
35 for an initial teaching license, to work under the direct

1 supervision of an instructional coach or a mentor leader
2 assigned by the school district or accredited nonpublic school,
3 including during co-teaching and planning time.

4 c. Allow a licensee who has completed the requirements
5 provided in paragraph "b" to apply for an initial teaching
6 license if the school that employed the licensee under
7 paragraph "b" recommends that the licensee be allowed to apply
8 for an initial teaching license.

9 Sec. 3. Section 272.2, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
12 17A that allow an individual seeking a career and technical
13 secondary authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued
14 the secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
15 employment with a school.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to licenses issued by the board of
20 educational examiners.

21 Current law authorizes the board of educational examiners
22 to issue a regional exchange teaching license to an applicant
23 who has completed a teacher preparation program outside of
24 the state and who is applying for the applicant's first Iowa
25 teaching license if, among other requirements, the applicant is
26 a resident of the state. The bill removes the requirement that
27 such an applicant be a resident of this state if the applicant
28 provides the board with a copy of an offer of employment as a
29 teacher from a school located in this state.

30 Current law requires the board to adopt rules to provide
31 for nontraditional preparation options for licensing persons
32 who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college
33 or university and who do not meet other requirements for
34 licensure. The bill provides that the rules shall require
35 the board to issue a teacher intern license to a qualified

1 applicant. The bill specifies the requirements that a
2 qualified applicant must meet. The bill also provides that
3 the rules shall require an applicant who has been granted a
4 teacher intern license to meet certain specified requirements
5 prior to applying for an initial teaching license. The bill
6 requires the board to allow an applicant who has completed
7 those requirements to apply for an initial teaching license
8 if the school that employed the licensee recommends that the
9 licensee be allowed to apply for an initial teaching license.

10 The bill requires the board to adopt rules that allow
11 an individual seeking a career and technical secondary
12 authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued the
13 secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
14 employment with a school.